### Sunday March 29th 2015



# The United Benefice of Long Crendon, Chearsley & Nether Winchendon

WELCOME TO EVERYONE ON THIS PALM SUNDAY Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! *Matthew 21:9* 



We have prepared this place for your entry, Jesus Christ.

We have gathered here to meet you,
as the people stood by the road to Jerusalem,
hoping to be touched by your life and hope,
growing in conviction that the Messiah is among us.

Be present to us today, Jesus Christ, the One for whom we wait. Amen

#### **Collect for Palm Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Readings for Today** 

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a

**New Testament Reading: Philippians 2: 5 - 11** 

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

#### Gospel Reading: Mark 11: 1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.' "

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They

answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go.

When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted. "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name



of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

# Services TODAY: March 29th PALM SUNDAY

Please note, there are two services:

**10.00am** United Benefice Service at Chearsley (Eucharist)

**6.00pm** Devotional Service at Long Crendon (See below)

### **Tonight**

A Devotional Service for Palm Sunday

A Service of Choral Music, Readings and Hymns.

Featuring the music of Byrd, Bach, Mozart and Walford-Davies.

St. Mary's Church, Long Crendon, <u>6pm Sunday 29th March</u>. Everyone welcome, retiring collection.

#### **Annual Parochial Church Meetings**

Today March 29<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Chearsley Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 12.00pm Long Crendon

Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Nether Winchendon



## MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Compline will be said at 8.00pm with Meditations

Monday March 30th Nether Winchendon

Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> Chearsley

Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> Long Crendon

Compline is a quiet and exquisite late-night service that traditionally ends the day in convents and monasteries.



# MAUNDY THURSDAY April 2nd

Holy Communion 8.00pm Chearsley

This day commemorates two of the most significant actions of Jesus. It is the night on which Jesus had a last supper with his friends and commanded us to remember him each time we share bread and wine.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY April 3rd**

10.00 am Service for Good Friday Chearsley

11.00 am Family Service Nether Winchendon

2.00 - 3.00pm

A Devotional Service, Long Crendon

A service of quiet reflection on the last week of the life of Jesus.

Good



#### GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

#### Meet at Baptist Church at 10.45am.

Walk along High Street via St. Mary's along Chearsley Road past Pavilion and the Square and back to the Baptist Church for Hot Cross Buns.

### **EASTER DAY April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**8.00am** Holy Communion 1662 Long Crendon

**10.30am** Family Communion Long Crendon

**10.00am\*** Easter Garden Service and Communion

\*Note time Chearsley

**10.00am** Family Communion Nether Winchendon

O God, you are my rock, my rescue, and my refuge, I leave it all quietly to you. Amen.

Lord may I prefer the truth and right by which I might seem to lose, to the falsehood and wrong by which I might seem to gain. Amen.



Lord Jesus Christ, this week we commemorate your triumphant entry into the city to set up your new and revolutionary kingdom of love.

We call your entry 'triumphal', but it was a triumph unlike any other we know.

You entered the city, not with a conqueror's pride,

but humbly on a donkey.

You established your regime of love, not by force, but by dying, as a criminal.

The symbol of your power is not a throne

but an instrument of execution.

Lord Jesus Christ, you still come to our world with your message of love. You come to turn our set of values upside down and to plant your standard of love in our hearts. We come in our worship to acknowledge you as ruler and king in our lives and of the world; and with your disciples we say:Blessing on Him, who comes as King in the Name of the Lord.

